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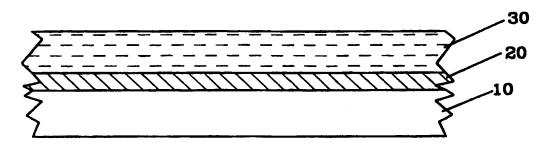
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(57) Abstract: Provided are anodes for use in electrochemical cells, wherein the anode comprises an anode active layer comprising lithium and a polymer anode substrate comprising a polymer film layer and a protective crosslinked polymer layer, in which the protective crosslinked polymer layer is in contact with the anode active layer on the side opposite to the surface in contact with the polymer film layer. The present invention also pertains to methods for forming such anodes and electrochemical cells comprising such anodes. The polymer film layer may be a terephthalate, a naphthalate, or an isophthalate, i.e. a polyester film. The protective crosslinked polymer layer may consist of acrylate polymer.



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